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Post Matric Scholarship Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any post-matric scholarship scheme of the Governments being implemented for the scheduled caste/ scheduled tribe/other backward classes in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it is a fact that certain State Governments have discontinued this scheme;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor as well as the names of States that have discontinued the said scheme;
(d) whether the Government is likely to instruct all states to implement this centrally sponsored scheme smoothly; and
(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and theMinistry of Tribal Affairs are implementing the Centrally Sponsored Post-matric Scholarship Schemes for SC and STstudents respectively. The details of these schemes are as follows:
Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students
This scheme is implemented by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment under which financial assistance is provided to SC students at post-matriculation stage to enable them to complete their education. The students with parental income celling of Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum are provided tuition fee and maintenance allowance by the State Governments who implement the scheme.

Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for ST Students
This scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and is given to ST students to enable them to pursue higher studies at post-matriculation level including technical and professional studies. The scheme covers all ST studentswhoseparents annual income is below Rs. 2.50 lakhs. Compulsory fees charged by the educational institutions are reimbursed and scholarship amount of Rs. 230 to Rs. 1200 per month are given depending on the courses of study.
(b) As per available information no State Government has discontinued the Postmatric Scholarship Scheme for SC and STstudents which has been receiving Central assistance under the scheme.
(c) Does not arise.
(d) & (e)The State Governments have been advised with guidelines for effective implementation, minimizing the leakages and optimum utilization of scholarship funds.
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